

dence of God, either respecting ourselves, or others, will teach us submission to his will. Many quarrel with God, for want of duly attending to the leadings of his providence, but when we consider, that whether prosperity or adversity, health or sickness be our state, the whole is directed by God's unerring wisdom, and designed to promote his glory, and the good of his creatures. This will explain difficulties, silence murmurings, dispel our fears, alleviate our sorrows, and tend to produce contentment in that situation wherein the Lord has placed us.

God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable minds
Of never-failing skill,

He

He treasures up his bright designs,
And works his sov'reign will.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding ev'ry hour :
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan his work in vain :
God is his own interpreter,
And he will make it plain.

'Tis true, there are mysteries in providence, as expressed in the above lines ; but such is the wisdom of God, that even the designs and conduct of his enemies, shall eventually promote his glory, and accomplish his all-wise purposes. In the history of Joseph, this observation is remarkably verified. Who could have conceived, that such

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